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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-6 and 20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 10-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8 and 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

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1. The election of the coating compositions or claims 7-19 without traverse is acknowledged. The election of species requirement doesn't apply to the claims.

2. Claims 12 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 12 is missing a period at the end.

Claim 17 depends on itself.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 7 and 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nachtkamp (4,608,413).

Nachkamp discloses coating compositions comprising water dispersible aliphatic polyester polyurethanes and water dispersible aliphatic polyether polyurethanes (see example 1) at about a 1/1 weight ratio of these two components. In line 41 of cols. 7 and 8, he discloses preparing these two components in the melt.

5. Claims 14-17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO00/39224 to Kinoshita and using equivalent 6,770,373 in the following rejections.

Kinoshita discloses coating compositions comprising water dispersible polyether polyurethanes (see Table 1-1), silica (Table 1-3), saponified wax (top col. 7)

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and aziridine crosslinkers (col. 5, line 61). He doesn't specify aliphatic polyisocyanates in the polyurethanes, however, there are basically only aliphatic or aromatic polyisocyanates. The wax dispersion would be anionic because the polyurethane has alkali added to neutralize it (col. 4, line 61).

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinoshita.

8. Kinoshita discloses the coating composition of the claims (see above) but doesn't show diethylaminoethanol for neutralizing the dispersion. He discloses a list of alkanolamines (col. 4, lines 16-19), amines (col. 4, line 60) and other alkalies (col. 4, line 61).

9. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use diethylaminoethanol in the dispersion of Kinoshita because it's similar in structure to the neutralizing agents shown by Kinoshita.

10. Claims 8 and 9 are objected to for depending on rejected claims.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rachel F. Gorr whose telephone number is 571-272-1072. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jim Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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